AH!
AH!
DON'T MOVE THIS WON'T HURT
NO!
PLEASE!
NO!
LET ME GO!

THAT NIGHT I WOKE UP CRYING... SCREAMING...
—JUST AS IT'S EVERY NIGHT SINCE THAT HAPPENED
AAAAAAAHHH
I WILL NEVER FORGET IT... THAT, WHICH HAS OPENED A WOUND IN MY HEART...
A WOUND THAT WILL NEVER HEAL
A CROSS SHAPED WOUND STRETCHED ACROSS MY HEART
LEAVING IT BROKEN
AND HOLLOW
AND THEN YOU APPEARED
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Cross Heart

IT'S A DAY..
JUST LIKE ANY OTHER DAY
ALWAYS THE SAME THINGS THE SAME PLACES.
EVERYTHING...
EVER THE SAME
KOTOMI-CHAN...
THERE SHE IS AGAIN
SUCH A BEAUTIFUL SCENE...
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HUHHH!! THAT SURPRISED ME!
HEY, HARU!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING OVER THERE?
SAD
YORO-CHAN... I'M NOT GOING TO FALL OFF
I'LL SOONER GET A HEART ATTACK FROM ONE OF THOSE SLOTHEN APPEARANCES OF YOURS...
YOU'RE EXAGGERATIN IT'S NOT MY FAULT YOU'RE ALWAYS DAYDREAMING. AND I'M ONLY SAYING IT FOR YOUR OWN GOOD.
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU IT'S DANGEROUS!! ONE DAY YOU'RE GOING TO FALL OFF AND GIVE ME A HEART ATTACK!
@#$%... HARU-CHAN YOU'RE HOPELESS
BY THE WAY, WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT SO INTESELY?
SH?!
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YOU'RE SPYING ON KOTOMI-CHAN AGAIN.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?! I'M NOT SPYING ON ANYBODY!
YOU'VE BEEN DOING THAT ALL THE TIME LATELY.
IT'S JUST... CURIOSITY.
OH, I SEE!
CURIOSITY?
YEAH... I WAS WONDERING... WHY DOES SHE ALWAYS LOOK SO LONELY...
SO SAD...
EVERYBODY ADMIRES HER. SHE GETS THE BEST GRADES AND SHE'S GREAT AT SPORTS AS WELL.
YEAH YOU'RE RIGHT. EVEN THOUGH SHE'S THE MOST POPULAR GIRL IN SCHOOL.
SHE NEVER LETS ANYONE GET CLOSE TO HER.
BUT THAT'S A MAJOR PART OF HER CHARM.
SO... EMPTY

YOU'RE RIGHT. SHE'S A PRETTY WEIRD GIRL..
I WOULDN'T SAY "WEIRD"
IN FACT, I'D SAY SHE'S CHARMING AND BEAUTIFUL. DON'T YOU THINK?
BOYS AND GIRLS WAIT IN LINE TO ASK HER OUT. BUT SHE'S NEVER ACCEPTED ANYONE.
THAT YOU LIKE KOTOMI-CHAN, AM I RIGHT?
KNEW WHAT?
YEAH..
BULLS-EYE
I KNEW IT!
YEAH..
IS THE CAUSE OF YOUR DESPAIR...
KOTOMI-CHAN...
I'D LIKE TO KNOW YOU OR WHAT?
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TODAY I'LL TALK TO HER I'LL APPROACH HER WITH THE EXCUSE THAT I NEED HELP WITH... MATH, FOR EXAMPLE.
WAH! WHAT A GREAT IDEA!
SHE'S VERY KIND! I DON'T THINK SHE WOULD MIND SPARING ME A BIT OF HER TIME.
THAT HURT...
AH I'M SORRY!
UAAAAAAAH!!!

ARE YOU ALRIGHT? ARE YOU HURT?
KOTOMI-CHAN
I'M OKAY.
NO, I APOLOGIZE I WAS DISTRACTED AND DIDN'T SEE YOU
I'M SORRY
THANK GOODNESS.
ONCE AGAIN WITH THE FAKE SMILE.
IN THAT EVERY MOMENT I WISHED, MORE THAN ANYTHING TO SEE A REAL SMILE ON HER LIPS.
INSTEAD OF THE USUAL ONE.
THAT'S SO FULL OF SADNESS.

SEE YOU LATER HARU-CHAN.
WELL, I'M OFF
WHOAH, SHE KNOWS MY NAME!
AH.. WAIT! I WAS ACTUALLY LOOKING FOR YOU, KOTOMI-CHAN
FOR ME? WHY?
WELL.. LATELY I'VE BEEN HAVING TROUBLE WITH MATH AND I'M NOT SURE WHAT TO DO
I HOPE THIS WORKS!
IF I COULD HELP YOU?
I DIDN'T KNOW WHO I COULD ASK FOR HELP SO I WAS WONDERING IF..!
SURE, IT'S NO PROBLEM AT ALL. I'M GLAD YOU ASKED!
WOW! SHE REALLY IS VERY KIND!
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I'D LIKE TO SHARE SOME OF THIS HAPPINESS WITH HER...
WELL, DO YOU GET IT NOW?
YEAH I THINK I DO
THIS MOMENT IS SLOWLY FILLING ME WITH JOY
I WISH THIS MOMENT WOULD NEVER END
AAAH I AM!
YOU LOOK TIRED
ALRIGHT, LET'S JUST STOP HERE FOR TODAY THEN
WHAT AM I SAYING?!
NO WONDER YOU'RE THE MOST POPULAR GIRL IN SCHOOL YOU'RE REALLY SMART AND KIND
OKAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR GOING OUT OF YOUR WAY FOR ME...
AAAAAH! I'M HUNGRY MATH IS REALLY EXHAUSTING
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SO THAT'S THE IMAGE EVERYONE HAS OF ME.
EVEN SO... I'M REALLY NOTHING LIKE THAT... BUT IF THAT'S HOW YOU WANT TO SEE ME...
I'M FINE THIS WAY.
THIS... IS NOT HOW I WANT TO SEE YOU... BUT THERE'S SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO KNOW...
IT'S FINE WITH ME
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
ARE YOU HAPPY LIKE THIS?

I SEE IT IN YOUR EYES YOU'RE NOT FINE AT ALL.
HUH?
STOP SMILING LIKE THAT
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU FOR A LONG TIME AND I KNOW THAT YOU NEVER, NEVER SMILE SINCERELY IT'S LIKE... YOU PUT ON AN ACT WHENEVER YOU'RE IN FRONT OF PEOPLE.
YOUR EYES ARE FULL OF SADNESS AND SOMEHOW YOU'VE GIVEN ME A SHARD OF YOUR UNHAPPINESS
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IN THE SAME WAY I'D LIKE TO GIVE YOU A SHARD OF MY HAPPINESS...
WHY? WHY DO YOU SAY THOSE THINGS?
BECAUSE I WANT TO SEE YOU SMILE FOR REAL. I WANT YOU TO BE HAPPY. I WANT TO HELP YOU.
NO!
I DON'T...
NO!
I DON'T NEED ANYONE!
TAP
TAP
TAP
HWA-HWAP
KOTOMI...
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IT RAINED THAT DAY
I'M FINE.
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU SEEM A BIT DOWN TODAY.
MY PAIN CAN'T BE EXPRESSED IN WORDS.
THE CHEERFUL BLUE SKY TURNED INTO A SAD GRAY
IT'S NOTHING.
GRAY, JUST LIKE HER SOUL...
HARU-CHAN...

HOW COULD SHE HAVE KNOWN HOW I FEEL JUST BY LOOKING IN MY EYES?
...THAT EVEN THE SKIES NOTICED IT?
IS MY UNHAPPINESS SO GREAT...
NOW WHAT DO I DO...?
HARU-CHAN... I UNCONSCIOUSLY LET YOU ENTER MY HEART... IN THAT ONE INSTANT... WITH THOSE FEW WORDS...
YOU MANAGED TO BREAK THROUGH THE BARRIER THAT I'VE BEEN FORTIFYING AROUND MY HEART FOR SO LONG... AND AS ALWAYS... I ESCAPED...
I NEED YOU... HARU!
EH?

HARU-CHAN
FORGIVE ME.
SHE'S HE...
SHE HAS COME...
SHE HAS COME TO RESCUE ME.

SUCH BAD WEATHER WE'RE HAVING TODAY. IT STARTED STORMING AND RAINING SO SUDDENLY
IT'S A GOOD THING WE WERE NEAR MY HOUSE. I'M GLAD YOU ACCEPTED MY INVITATION
YOU LIVE QUITE FAR FROM HERE, RIGHT?
SSSSH
HELLO? ANYONE HOME?
ANYWAYS, IT'D BE BETTER IF YOU STAYED HERE UNTIL IT STOPS RAINING.
WOW, SHE HASN'T SAID A WORD SINCE WE GOT HERE
I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE
I CAN'T
KOTOMI-CHAN

IT'S HORRIBLE. SOMETIMES I WISH FOR ALL PEOPLE TO JUST...
I HATE THIS... I HATE THE WORLD I HATE FEELING THIS WAY I AM UNABLE TO TRUST ANYONE.
...DISAPPEAR.
ONLY WHEN I'M ALL ALONE... WILL I BE ALRIGHT.
ALONE...
ACTUALLY... I ALWAYS FEEL LIKE THIS.
AND IT FEELS SAD...

...WHAT YOU REALLY WANT?
YES...
ARE YOU SURE THAT'S...
WAIT...
THIS ISN'T RIGHT.
WHAT ISN'T RIGHT?

NO..
WHY!
I LO-
DON'T SAY THAT!
NO!
THIS IS JUST NOT POSSIBLE!
..
PLEASE. I WILL NEVER BE HAPPY. I WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO FORGET THAT DAY AND THIS PAIN WILL NEVER DISAPPEAR.
IT'S NOT POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO BE WITH SOMEONE LIKE ME.
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IT ALL HAPPENED... SIX YEARS AGO. I WAS ONLY NINE YEARS OLD.
IT WAS NIGHT... I HAD JUST ARRIVED TO THE CITY. SO I DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING OR ANYONE.
WHY? TELL ME WHAT'S TORMENTING YOU. I WANT TO HELP YOU.
IT'S TOO LATE. NOBODY CAN HELP ME NOW.
I HAD A FIGHT WITH MY PARENTS OVER SOMETHING SILLY AND I RAN AWAY. WE GOT SEPARATED AND BEFORE I KNEW IT, I WAS LOST.
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO. I WAS SCARED... SO I DECIDED TO ASK SOMEBODY FOR HELP..
AND THEN.
...

I ASKED A BAD PERSON FOR HELP. THE MAN PROMISED TO HELP ME FIND MY PARENTS.
BUT HE TOOK ME TO A DARK ALLEY INSTEAD
AND THAT WAS WHEN.
WHEN
I HAD NO IDEA WHAT WAS GOING ON! IT WAS HORRIBLE. I COULDN'T EVEN MOVE!
I HAVE NIGHTMARES EVERY NIGHT ABOUT THAT DAY!

AFTER THAT, I WENT INTO A STATE OF SHOCK AND WAS IN THE HOSPITAL FOR WEEKS.
MY PARENTS WERE THE ONLY ONES WHO KNEW, BUT THEY DIDN'T SEEM TO CARE MUCH.
..DIE.
HE RAPED ME... YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW MANY TIMES I WISHED TO JUST...
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME...
...THAT I HAD THE COURAGE TO TALK ABOUT THIS WITH ANYONE.
HUH-HUH...
I'VE MADE YOU CRY AGAIN.

FORGIVE ME... FOR HURTING YOU...
NOW I UNDERSTAND
OF COURSE NOT... THERE'S NO WAY I'D THINK YOU'RE DISGUSTING, BESIDES... IT WASN'T EVEN YOUR FAULT. AND... I UNDERSTAND THIS ISN'T SOMETHING YOU CAN FORGET. ALL THESE YEARS MUST HAVE BEEN HORRIBLE FOR YOU.
BUT... YOU HAVE TO TRY TO LEAVE IT IN THE PAST AND... LIVE ON.
YOU DON'T THINK I'M DISGUSTING?
NO.
LET PEOPLE GET CLOSER TO YOU. YOU NEED TO LEARN TO TRUST PEOPLE AGAIN.
I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN.
WOW?
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SO...
LET ME STAY BY YOUR SIDE... LET ME HEAL YOUR WOUNDED HEART.
OF COURSE YOU CAN. I BELIEVE IN YOU.
THAT MAN HAS HURT YOU SO MUCH IN THE PAST. BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN EVERYONE ELSE WILL HURT YOU AS WELL. MANY SAD THINGS CAN HAPPEN IN LIFE... BUT THERE ARE ALSO MANY HAPPY THINGS AND IT'S GREAT IF YOU CAN SHARE THOSE MOMENTS WITH OTHER PEOPLE.

AND THEN...
THANK YOU...
YOU AFFIRMED... YOU LISTENED TO ME AND UNDERSTOOD ME.
YOU SPOKE THE WORDS THAT I WANTED TO HEAR FOR SO LONG.
AND SOOTHED MY PAIN...

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HASHIMOTO...
I WON'T LOOK BACK INTO THE PAST AGAIN...
SADNESS NO LONGER EXISTS FOR ME WHEN I'M BY YOUR SIDE.
I WANT TO BE WITH YOU.
I WANT YOU, WHO SHARED MY UNHAPPINESS LIKE YOUR OWN...
...TO BE THE HAPPIEST PERSON IN THE WORLD.
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I DON'T KNOW IF IT WILL GO WELL...
BUT STILL, I WANT TO TRY...
BECAUSE RIGHT NOW, THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I'M SURE OF...

I LOVE YOU.

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Leaving behind only a scent, she was in my heart.
We ended up not even close
It's useless to keep thinking about it
So and started to have dreams of not by your side
Huh...
Ah, just like every day at school
It's not that, but here you are, too
What's that a shadow?